

Silver Alert is Officially Unveiled.

December 19th marked the official announcement and implementation of North Carolina House Bill 38. House Bill 38, referenced as North Carolina's Silver Alert program is a system to quickly notify the public about missing adults that suffer from dementia or other cognitive impairments.

For a situation to qualify as a Silver Alert:

- The individual is 18 years or older.
- The person is believed to be missing and suffering from a cognitive impairment
- Authorized paperwork has been submitted to the appropriate authorities.



When activated, a press release is sent to the media. NC Department of Transportation electronic signs and the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety website (www.nccrimecontrol.org) are used to relay information to motorists and the public. Only a law enforcement agency can request activation of a Silver Alert and only the North Carolina Center for Missing Person can activate a Silver Alert emergency. The coverage area of a Silver Alert can be statewide or regionalized to certain parts of North Carolina. Development of the program is a cooperative effort among local and state law enforcement and the NC Center for Missing Persons with voluntary participation by radio and television broadcasters and the NC Department of Transportation. House Bill 38 was sponsored by Representatives Earline Parmon, Larry Womble, Verla Insko and Beverly Earle. For more information, contact the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons at (919) 733-3557.

Emergency Management Forum To Be Held In Candler, NC

On January 9 and 10th, the North Carolina Emergency Management Forum will be held at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Enka Campus in Candler, NC. The forum consists of round table discussions between State and Local Emergency Management personnel. The forum's primary topic will be "Drought – North Carolina's Emerging Disaster." Contact: Brenda Jones, Executive Assistant, NCEM, (919)715-9216, bmjones@ncem.org.

For more location information: <http://www.abtech.edu/maps/enka.asp>

NCEMA 2008 Spring Conference Coming Up

The North Carolina All-Hazards 2008 Spring Conference will be held March 2nd – 5th at the Sea Trial Conference Center located in Sunset Beach, NC. Visit the NC Emergency Management Association website at www.ncema.org for more details.

SECC Meeting Scheduled For January 9, 2008 At NCSHP Training Academy.

The State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) is holding their next meeting January 9th at the NC State Highway Patrol Training Academy in Raleigh. The meeting will start at 10:30am. The agenda includes discussion points surrounding Federal Communication Committee (FCC) Emergency Alert System (EAS) 2007 Handbooks, NOAA-National Weather Service current issues, Amber Alert current issues, Silver Alert implementation status, recap of EAS activations, Comlabs & EMnet equipment and current issues and EAS issues related to the Radio, Cable and Television industry. The meeting is open to all who may be interested in the NC EAS, especially Local Emergency Management officials and first responders. The SECC oversees the plans and procedures in the State Plan for North Carolina Emergency Alert System. The SECC members include all broadcasters licensed under FCC regulations. For more information or to announce your attendance, contact Cory Grier at (919) 733-3824 or cgrier@ncem.org.

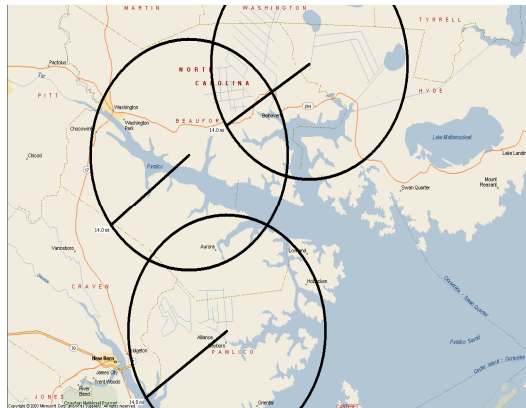
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VIPER Site Activations

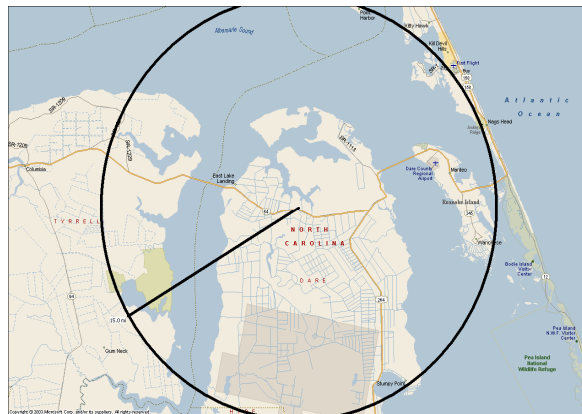
Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials from multiple agencies to communicate with one another on a single radio system. Public safety officials in North Carolina should be able to communicate directly with other public safety officials without having to relay the message through a communications center. When put in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls and large scale disasters. For more information on VIPER: <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000001,001148> or contact Captain Alan Melvin, NC State Highway Patrol at (919) 662-4440 or amelvin@ncshp.org

The following VIPER sites have been established and are now operational:

<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Ponzor / Terrell & Hyde	12/13/07	
Bath / Beaufort	12/13/07	Partnership with Hyde, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties
Bayboro / Pamlico	12/13/07	

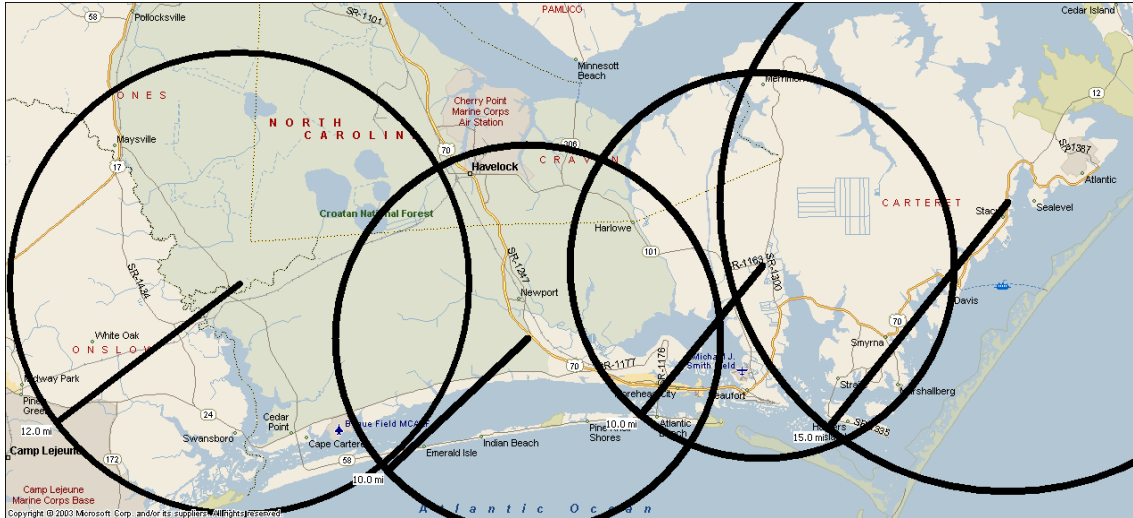


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East Lake / Tyrrell & Dare	12/19/07	Dare County

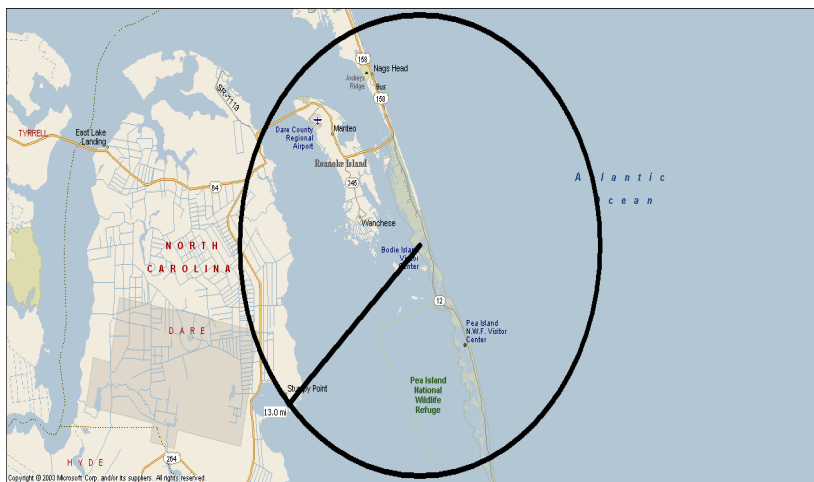


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<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Kuhns / Carteret & Onslow & Jones	12/20/07	Partnership between Carteret County and Progress Energy
Newport / Western Carteret	12/20/07	
Laurel Road / Central Carteret	12/20/07	
Stacey / Eastern Carteret	12/20/07	



<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Bodie Island / Dare	12/21/07	Dare County



Note: All maps are not exact and are to be used as general reference.

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-Special Mentioning-

James H. Trogdon, III Receives A Star.

In addition to his promotion to Brigadier General, Brigadier General Trogdon was also sworn in as Deputy Adjutant General, the second-highest official in the N.C. National Guard. Brigadier General Trogdon is one of six one-star Generals in the state Guard. His job includes strategic planning and leading the 11,500 soldiers and airmen of the guard in the absence of the Adjutant General, Major General William E. Ingram.

Cooper Hancock Joins NCEM's Homeland Security.

Cooper Hancock has joined North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's Homeland Security Section as a Homeland Security Strategic Planner. He comes to us after a 20-year career in US Air Force Intelligence. Cooper may be reached at (919) 715-8000 x232 or chancock@ncem.org.

Karen Hamby Joins NCEM's Western Branch Office.

Karen Hamby has joined North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's Western Branch Office as a Program Assistant. She comes to us from the Lenoir Fire Department where she recently retired. Hamby replaced the retired Sandra Smith. Karen may be reached at (828) 466-5555 or khamby@ncem.org.

John Steinauer Joins NCEM's Information and Planning Section.

John Steinauer has joined North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's Information and Planning Section as a Chemical Emergency Planner and Prevention Program Manager. John comes to us with a 20-year background in emergency response and public health. He holds a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of Nebraska. John may be reached at (919) 715-8578 or jsteinauer@ncem.org.

Dorothy Henderson Joins NCEM's Public Assistance Section.

Dorothy Henderson has joined North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's Public Assistance Section as a Community Development Specialist - Grants Manager. Dorothy holds a master of public administration degree from North Carolina Central University. Dorothy's previous experience includes teaching in the Guilford County School System and as an instructor at ITT Technical Institute in Bessemer, AL. Dorothy may be reached at (919) 715-8000, ext 287 or dhenderson@ncem.org.

Janelle Wilkey Joins NCEM's Training and Exercise Section.

Janelle Wilkey has joined North Carolina Division of Emergency Management's Training and Exercise Section as a Field Training Specialist. Janelle's previous experience includes two years with the Cumberland County School System as an Emergency Management Response Manager and seven years with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency as a Hazardous Materials Program Manager and Specialist. Janelle may be reached at (919) 715-9726 or jwilkey@ncem.org.

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